GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA

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POWERS TO PANCHAYATS
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to delegate more powers to the Panchayats and municipalities by amending Article 243 and Schedules XI and XII of the Constitution of India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI NIHAL CHAND)

(a) & (b): Under Article 243G of Part IX and Article 243W of Part IXA of the Constitution, State Legislatures are to endow, respectively, to the Panchayats and Municipalities with powers and authority to enable them to function as institutions of local self-governance. Provisions under these Articles allow discretion to the States in the matter of devolution of powers to Panchayats and Municipalities, respectively. States vary significantly in the extent to which they have devolved powers to the Panchayats and Municipalities to plan, implement and monitor schemes for economic development and social justice.

There is no proposal under consideration of the Government for amendments to Article 243 and Schedule XI and Schedule XI A of the Constitution of India.